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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT

RE: (A) CONAKRY 1702, (B) CONAKRY 1694, (C) STATE 208617,
(D) MONROVIA 6367

1. ON SEPTEMBER 15 PRESIDENT TOLBERT GAVE AMBASSADOR CARTER A COPY OF THE TRANSLATION OF A STATEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT TOURE TO GOL FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS IN CONAKRY ON SEPT 8. TOLBERT REQUESTED THAT BOTH THE FACT OF HIS HAVING PROVIDED THE COPY TO THE AMB AND ITS CONTENTS BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

2. THE WIDE RANGING STATEMENT FOCUSED ON A REAFFIRMATION OF THE TOLBERT-TOURE FRIENDSHIP AND ASSURANCES THAT CLOSE LIBERIAN-GUINEAN RELATIONS REMAIN UNAFFECTED BY THE RECENT DIALLO TELLI CHARGES AGAINST LIBERIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SHERMAN. TOURE'S VIEWS ON TELLI, THE CIA, U.S.- GUINEAN RELATIONS AND SECRETARY KISSINGER WERE ALSO GIVEN. SELECTED QUOTES FROM THE STATEMENT FOLLOW:

GUINEAN-LIBERIAN RELATIONS (TOURE-TOLBERT RELATIONSHIP)
"WHAT WE MUST SAY ABOUT LIBERIA IS THAT OUR CONFIDENCE IS TOTAL, SINCERE. IT IS LIBERIA WHICH WILL RENOUNCE TO OUR FRIENDSHIP, WE ARE GIVING IT TO HER WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION. WE KNOW OUR BROTHER, PRESIDENT TOLBERT, AS A MAN OF PRINCIPLES, A

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RELIGIOUS PERSONALITY, WHO BELIEVES IN GOD AND SERVES HIM WITH

DEDICATION ..

" HE (TOLBERT) CAN HAVE FULL FAITH AND CONFIDENCE IN OUR STATEMENTS, NAMELY, THAT MORE THAN EVER, WE MUST PUT IN CONCRETE FORM, BEFORE WORLD OPINION, THE TOTALITY AND SINCERITY OF THE FRIENDSHIP WE HAVE FOR HIM AND THE CONFIDENCE WE REPOSE IN HIM ..

"WE ARE ASKING OUR BROTHER PRESIDENT TOLBERT NOT TO GIVE ANY IMPORTANCE TO THE STATEMENTS RELATING TO LIBERIA THROUGH SHERMAN AND EVEN IF IT WERE TRUE THAT SHERMAN HAD CONTACTS WITH TELLI, THIS WOULD BE NORMAL; TELLI BEING A MEMBER OF THE GOVT OF GUINEA...

"AND WHAT I WOULD ASK YOU (DENNIS) TO TELL OUR BROTHER, (TOLBERT) IS OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR THE CONSTANT FIDELITY HE HAS ACCORDED US FOR EVERY TIME HE MOVES FROM MONROVIA, HE INFORMS US OF THE DATES OF HIS DEPARTURE AND THE REASONS THEREFORE. EVERY TIME HE RETURNS, HE MAKES IT HIS DUTY TO INFORM US ON WHAT HE HAS BEEN DOING. THERE HE IS BETTER THAN US, BECAUSE HE FULFILLS A DUTY WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CARRY ON OURSELVES. IT IS WE WHO ARE INDEBTED TO HIM, IN THE AREA OF FRIENDSHIP.

"THUS, WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT HIS (TOLBERT'S) LAST TRIP TO NIGERIA AS WELL AS HIS PLANNED VISIT TO THE U.S. ALWAYS CERTAINLY CONCERN THE DEFENSE OF THE JUST CAUSES OF OUR CONTINENT, WE KNOW THIS, AND THANK HIM AGAIN FOR HIS FRATERNAL ATTENTION."

DIALLO TELLI

"IF IT IS TRUE THAT TELLI BELONGS TO THE CIA, WHICH I CORRECTED IN PUBLIC MEETING, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCH A MEMBER SINCE THE BEGINNING SINCE 1959, NOT THROUGH SHERMAN, BUT SINCE HE WAS STATIONED IN THE U.S..

"THE ERRORS OR CRIMES OF TELLI MUST HAVE OTHER CAUSES, OTHER EXPLANATIONS. ESPECIALLY TODAY THAT HIS INDIGNANT VILLAGE, AFTER HIS BETRAYAL, EXPLAINED THAT HIS FATHER WAS THE BIGGEST CATTLE THIEF OF MAMOU, WELL KNOWN IN THAT COMMUNITY AS SUCH, HAVING LIVED FROM CRIMES, THEFTS, ETC... AND EVEN HIS NAME 'TELLI' IS EXPLAINED AS BEING LINKED WITH THEFT.

"WE LEARNED ALSO THAT FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WERE IN PART EMBEZZLED BY HIN (TELLI) AND SOME OF THESE MOVEMENTS HAVE GIVEN US THE DETAILS."

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"WE MAY ADD THAT WITH REGARDS TO THE CIA, WE DO NOT CONDEMN THIS ORGANIZATION TO THE EXTENT THAT IT SERVES THE INTEREST OF ITS COUNTRY, ASSISTING IN MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING ITS INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE. IF THE CIA COMMITS ERRORS, EVEN 'CRIMES' IN A COUNTRY, AN ASSESSMENT IMMEDIATELY SHOWS THE IMMORAL ROLE PLAYED BY THE NATIONALS OF THAT COUNTRY WHO WOULD HAVE MISLED THE AMERICAN ORGANIZATION; SUCH HAS BEEN THE ROLE OF THE GUINEAN TRAITORS WHO EFFECTIVELY MISLEAD ALL THE GOVTS WHO WANT TO DEAL WITH US, CREATING DOUBT, SUSPICION, DESPONDENCEY, SO THAT THESE COUNTRIES MAY WITHHOLD THEIR CONFIDENCE IN US, BECAUSE IF WE WERE ISOLATED, THEY COULD SUCCESSFULLY CARRY OUT THEIR COUP...

"FOR THE TELLIS ... TO LIE ON THE CIA OR ON SHERMAN IS QUITE NORMAL, IF WE KNOW THE TELLIS DEEPLY MISLEAD THE CIA TO THE EXTENT OF SAYING THAT GUINEA IS NOT A FRIENDLY COUNTRY TO THE U.S., THAT GUINEA IS AN EXTENSION OF THE USSR, THAT GUINEA IS A COMMUNIST COUNTRY, THAT GUINEA IS THUS, NOT NON-ALIGNED."

U.S. - GUINEAN RELATIONS

"WE SEPARATE THE CIA FROM THE U.S. GOVT WHICH IS IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH US AND WE STRESS THAT THE U.S. HAS HELPED GUINEA SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE. EVEN IF GUINEA WERE NOT TO RECOGNIZE THIS, I PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE THE MORAL DUTY TO RECOGNIZE IT, BECAUSE IF FRIA HAS BEEN CREATED, IF BOKE, THAT INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX HAS BEEN
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ACHIEVED, IF THE WORLD BANK GAVE US IMPORTANT LOANS, IF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND HELPED US TO STRENGTHEN THE VALUES OF OUR NATIONAL CURRENCY, WE OWE ALL THESE HAPPY EFFECTS TO THE SUPPORT THE U.S. HAS GIVEN US, SUPPORT WHICH THEY COULDHAVE ALSO REFUSED TO GRANT. SINCE THEY HAVE GIVEN US THAT SUPPORT, WE OWE THEM AT LEAST GRATITUDE...

"NO ONE CAN SAY THAT IN ANY STATEMENT THE U.S. HAD BEEN ATTACKED AND THAT GUINEA HAS NO CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. NOBODY CAN SAY IT. BUT THE ENEMIES OF GUINEA ARE ALWAYS WORKING TO CREATE CHASMS BETWEEN THE GUINEAN GOVT AND ALL THE GOVTS WHICH COOPERATE WITH IT."

SECRETARY KISSINGER

"CONCERNING THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, DR KISSINGER, WE MUST TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE HIGH REGARD FOR HIM. WHY? BECAUSE HE MAKES KNOWN HIS VIEWS ON THE VARIOUS WORLD ISSUES, WHICH IS A MARK OF INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL COURAGE.

"SECONDLY, HE VERY OFTEN COMMUNICATES TO ME SOME OF HIS IDEAS CONCERNING AFRICA. THIS IS ALSO A MARK OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONFIDENCE. HE IS DEDICATED TO HIS COUNTRY, AND WE RESPECT ALL THOSE WHO ARE HONEST TOWARDS THEIR COUNTRY, EVEN WHEN OUR IDEAS DO NOT CONVERGE. HERE ALSO WE KNOW THAT SENEGAL HAD SPREAD THE NEWS TO THE EFFECT THAT BY NOT RECOGNIZING ANGOLA, SENGHOR COULD HAVE SOME SUPPORT AGAINST GUINEA AND THE LATEST ENVOY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER IN DAKAR HAD DISCUSSED THE GUINEAN PROBLEM WITH SENGHOR. WE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT AND EVEN IF IT WERE TRUE, WE NEVER MENTIONED IT BECAUSE BETWEEN WHAT A MAN SAYS AND WHAT HE DOES, WE JUDGE HIM RATHER BY WHAT HE DOES.

"FOR QUITE RECENTLY, IT IS THE SAME DR. KISSINGER WHO GAVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR GUINEA TO RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE FROM USAID. THIS WAS TO US AN INDICATION THAT WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT HIM COULD NOT BE TRUE,...

"LIKE HIM (TOLBERT), WE HAVE GREAT HOPES ON THE CONTACTS OF OUR FIVE COLLEAGUES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER."

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